

# WHS & HANMER SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

## MINUTES – MONDAY May 23, 2011

Chairman Fortunato called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM in Lower floor Conference Room, Stillman Building.

Present:

Committee Member Name		Present	Absent	Excused
	Christine Fortunato, Chairman	X		
	J. Edward Brymer Jr., Vice Chairman	X		
	Steven Barry		X	
	Daniel Camilleri	X		
	Frank Dellaripa	X		
	Diane Fitzpatrick	X		
<b>Liaison Present</b>	David Drake, Council Liaison	X		
	Mike Turner, Staff Liaison	X		
<b>Staff Present</b>				
	Jeff Bridges, Town Manager	X		
	Tim McDowell, Supt. Of Schools	X		
	Mike Emmett, Asst Supt. School	X		
	Tom Moore, WHS Principal	X		
	Margret McKane, Principal Hanmer	X		
	Fred Bushey, Dir of Maintenance	X		
<b>Guest Present</b>	Rusty Malik, Quisenberry Arcari	X		
	Glenn Yeakel, Friar Associates	X		
	Maria Kokinis Tougas, BOE	X		
	John Cascio, BOE (portion)	x		

### 1. Public Comments:

None

### 2. Approval of Minutes Feb 28, 2011 meeting:

Motion by Dellaripa, seconded by Camilleri to approve the minutes of Feb. 28, 2011 meeting as presented. All present voted in favor.

### 4. Items for Discussion:

#### A. High School Renovation Project

Rusty Malik, principal architect from Quisenberry Arcari Architects used a PowerPoint presentation to update the building committee on their progress. (Copies furnished to all present).

He began by citing enrollment projections prepared by Peter Prowder PhD which indicated a drop in projected enrollment of 31 students between 2008 and 2011. This would equate to a square footage reduction of 5596 SF for state reimbursement. The projections out to 2020 showed a general decline to 1169 students in 2020, all of this equating to higher town share and less state reimbursement. Mr. Malik noted the current building exceeds allowable square footage based on enrollment (according to State) and that translates into higher town share.

Mr. Malik reviewed components of Option 4A, the current proposal. This option includes minor renovation to the administrative offices, moving media center to auditorium, moving auditorium to gym, a large gym addition in southwest corner, lecture hall converted to science labs with a

courtyard addition, and relocation of girls softball to create a parking area. There was a net 36,000 SF addition in this proposal.

Mr. Malik then presented his Option 6A which was a new concept his firm developed to reduce the construction costs. This option needed about 26,000 SF addition and included a 11,500 SF gym addition.

A tweaked version Mr. Malik called Option 6B further refined that plan by reusing the old gym as the new media center, thereby reducing required building addition to about 20,000 SF.

Lastly Mr. Malik reviewed a draft time schedule. The key dates started at an April 2012 referendum and worked backwards. Milestones would include July 2011 presentation to Building Committee, April 2012 referendums, May 2012 start design, Feb 2013 start state reviews and July 2013 start construction. He estimated about 30 month construction period. Jeff Bridges suggested the committee consider pulling the schedule forward to plan for 2 tries at a referendum, just as a contingency so a full summer construction would not be lost in the event of a referendum failure.

### **B. Hanmer Fire Alarm.**

Mr. Bushey noted he has been finalizing the design plans with Bruce Dalkowski of Friar Associates and are just about ready to submit to the state. He could not quote a review timetable for the state but felt comfortable the construction would start before summer is out.

### **C. Invoices**

The committee considered two invoices from Quisenberry Arcari in amount of \$2293.46 and \$1872.48. Motion by Camilleri, seconded by Dellaripa, to approve payment of both invoices. Motion passed unanimously.

### **D. State Correspondence**

The committee received copy of correspondence from State Bureau of Accountability and Improvement citing the towns progress on Office of Civil Rights violations. Mr. Emmet noted that all the free standing and isolated type work ("low hanging fruit") has been completed, and that the remaining work will be included with the renovation project scope. Chairperson Fortunato noted to the committee this was for information only, and no action was required of the committee.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Diane Fitzpatrick asked Jeff Bridges to confirm the referendum timetable and the spacing of the Town of Berlin two high school renovation referendums when their projected failed the first pass.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion made by Camilleri, seconded by Fitzpatrick to adjourn. All members voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the minutes approved by the High School & Hanmer Building Committee.

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Diane Fitzpatrick, Clerk

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